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## **BY E-FILING**

The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq Acting Secretary Surface Transportation Board Office of the Secretary 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation – Control – EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

Dear Ms Quinlan

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket please find Applicants' Request for Further Extension of Time to Reply to Illinois Department of Transportation's Motion to Compel Discovery from Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation (designated as CN-44)

Please note that Applicants have requested expedited consideration for this request

Very truly yours.

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Enclosure

cc: All parties of record

#### **EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUESTED**

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Applicants Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation (together "CN" or "Applicants") respectfully move, pursuant to 49 C.F R. § 1104 7(b), that the Board extend by 7 days (or until July 2, 2008) the due date for Applicants' reply to Illinois Department of Transportation's Motion to Compel Discovery from Canadian National Company and Grand Trunk Corporation ("Motion")

Applicants' reply to the Motion filed by Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") was initially due on May 28, 2008. With IDOT's consent, Applicants twice moved for extensions of that due date, first until June 11, 2008, and then until June 25, 2008. See CN-35, filed May 27, 2008. CN-41, filed June 11, 2008. Those requested extensions were granted in

Applicants incorporate by reference the short forms and abbreviations set forth in the Table of Abbreviations at CN-2 at 8-11.

Decision No 10, served by the Board on May 28, 2008, and Decision No. 11, served June 11, 2008. For the reasons discussed below, Applicants now request an additional extension of the due date for their reply to the Motion

Applicants are continuing to work and make progress with IDOT to resolve the questions and concerns underlying its discovery request. Those efforts, however, have taken longer than Applicants initially anticipated. Accordingly, Applicants have again requested IDOT's consent to an extension of time to respond to the Motion, suggesting a one-month rather than a two-week extension in order to reduce the likelihood that any further extensions would be required. As of the time of this motion, however, IDOT has not informed Applicants either that it would or would not consent to an extension of time (or the length of any such extension) Accordingly. Applicants request an initial extension of one week (to Wednesday, July 2, 2008) to await a decision by IDOT as to whether it will consent to an extension and, if not, to allow sufficient time for Applicants to prepare and file a response to the Motion. If during the time of this extension IDOT consents to a longer extension as proposed by Applicants, then Applicants would promptly inform the Board and request that the extension run to the longer agreed-upon period. If IDOT does not so consent, then Applicants would proceed to file their reply to the Motion on July 2, 2008.

The requested extension. like the ones granted previously in Decisions No. 10 and 11, would not prejudice any other party. as the last evidentiary filings in this proceeding were due on March 13, 2008.

Because the reply to the Motion would otherwise be due today, June 25, 2008.

Applicants respectfully request that the Board handle this extension request with expedition

### WHEREFORE, Applicants move that the due date for Applicants' reply to the

Respectfully submitted,

Motion be extended for a period of 7 days, or until July 2, 2008.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have this 25th day of June. 2008, served copies of Applicants'
Request for Further Extension of Time to Reply to Illinois Department of Transportation's
Motion to Compel Discovery from Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk
Corporation (designated as CN-44) upon all known parties of record in this proceeding by firstclass mail or a more expeditious method of delivery

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